

already noted that this bill is not about money, it's about fairness. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the terrible tragedy the blood supply crisis of the 1980s bestowed upon all of its victims.●

HEALTH PROFESSIONS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS ACT OF 1998

FRIST AMENDMENT NO. 3484

Mr. GORTON (for Mr. FRIST) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1754) A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to consolidate and reauthorize health professions and minority and disadvantaged health professions and disadvantaged health education programs, and for other purposes; as follows:

Beginning on page 299, strike line 20 and all that follows through line 2 on page 300.

On page 300, line 3, strike "(d)" and insert "(c)".

Beginning on page 305, strike line 21 and all that follows through line 14 on page 306, and insert the following:

"SEC. 143. INSURANCE PROGRAM.

"Section 710(a)(2)(B) of".

DASCHLE AMENDMENT NO. 3485

Mr. GORTON (for Mr. DASCHLE) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1754, supra; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME PREVENTION AND SERVICES.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the "Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect Prevention and Services Act".

(b) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

(1) Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is the leading preventable cause of mental retardation, and it is 100 percent preventable;

(2) estimates on the number of children each year vary, but according to some researchers, up to 12,000 infants are born in the United States with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, suffering irreversible physical and mental damage;

(3) thousands more infants are born each year with Fetal Alcohol Effect, also known as Alcohol Related Neurobehavioral Disorder (ARND), a related and equally tragic syndrome;

(4) children of women who use alcohol while pregnant have a significantly higher infant mortality rate (13.3 per 1000) than children of those women who do not use alcohol (8.6 per 1000);

(5) Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect are national problems which can impact any child, family, or community, but their threat to American Indians and Alaska Natives is especially alarming;

(6) in some American Indian communities, where alcohol dependency rates reach 50 percent and above, the chances of a newborn suffering Fetal Alcohol Syndrome or Fetal Alcohol Effect are up to 30 times greater than national averages;

(7) in addition to the immeasurable toll on children and their families, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect pose extraordinary financial costs to the Nation, including the costs of health care, education, foster care, job training, and general support services for affected individuals;

(8) the total cost to the economy of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome was approximately

\$2,500,000,000 in 1995, and over a lifetime, health care costs for one Fetal Alcohol Syndrome child are estimated to be at least \$1,400,000;

(9) researchers have determined that the possibility of giving birth to a baby with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome or Fetal Alcohol Effect increases in proportion to the amount and frequency of alcohol consumed by a pregnant woman, and that stopping alcohol consumption at any point in the pregnancy reduces the emotional, physical, and mental consequences of alcohol exposure to the baby; and

(10) though approximately 1 out of every 5 pregnant women drink alcohol during their pregnancy, we know of no safe dose of alcohol during pregnancy, or of any safe time to drink during pregnancy, thus, it is in the best interest of the Nation for the Federal Government to take an active role in encouraging all women to abstain from alcohol consumption during pregnancy.

(c) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this section to establish, within the Department of Health and Human Services, a comprehensive program to help prevent Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect nationwide and to provide effective intervention programs and services for children, adolescents and adults already affected by these conditions. Such program shall—

(1) coordinate, support, and conduct national, State, and community-based public awareness, prevention, and education programs on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect;

(2) coordinate, support, and conduct prevention and intervention studies as well as epidemiologic research concerning Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect;

(3) coordinate, support and conduct research and demonstration projects to develop effective developmental and behavioral interventions and programs that foster effective advocacy, educational and vocational training, appropriate therapies, counseling, medical and mental health, and other supportive services, as well as models that integrate or coordinate such services, aimed at the unique challenges facing individuals with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome or Fetal Alcohol Effect and their families; and

(4) foster coordination among all Federal, State and local agencies, and promote partnerships between research institutions and communities that conduct or support Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect research, programs, surveillance, prevention, and interventions and otherwise meet the general needs of populations already affected or at risk of being impacted by Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect.

(d) ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.—Title III of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"PART O—FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME PREVENTION AND SERVICES PROGRAM

"SEC. 399G. ESTABLISHMENT OF FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME PREVENTION AND SERVICES PROGRAM.

"(a) FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME PREVENTION, INTERVENTION AND SERVICES DELIVERY PROGRAM.—The Secretary shall establish a comprehensive Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect prevention, intervention and services delivery program that shall include—

"(1) an education and public awareness program to support, conduct, and evaluate the effectiveness of—

"(A) educational programs targeting medical schools, social and other supportive services, educators and counselors and other service providers in all phases of childhood development, and other relevant service pro-

viders, concerning the prevention, identification, and provision of services for children, adolescents and adults with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect;

"(B) strategies to educate school-age children, including pregnant and high risk youth, concerning Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect;

"(C) public and community awareness programs concerning Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect; and

"(D) strategies to coordinate information and services across affected community agencies, including agencies providing social services such as foster care, adoption, and social work, medical and mental health services, and agencies involved in education, vocational training and civil and criminal justice;

"(2) a prevention and diagnosis program to support clinical studies, demonstrations and other research as appropriate to—

"(A) develop appropriate medical diagnostic methods for identifying Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect; and

"(B) develop effective prevention services and interventions for pregnant, alcohol-dependent women; and

"(3) an applied research program concerning intervention and prevention to support and conduct service demonstration projects, clinical studies and other research models providing advocacy, educational and vocational training, counseling, medical and mental health, and other supportive services, as well as models that integrate and coordinate such services, that are aimed at the unique challenges facing individuals with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome or Fetal Alcohol Effect and their families.

"(b) GRANTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary may award grants, cooperative agreements and contracts and provide technical assistance to eligible entities described in section 399H to carry out subsection (a).

"(c) DISSEMINATION OF CRITERIA.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall develop a procedure for disseminating the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect diagnostic criteria developed pursuant to section 705 of the ADAMHA Reorganization Act (42 U.S.C. 485n note) to health care providers, educators, social workers, child welfare workers, and other individuals.

"(d) NATIONAL TASK FORCE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall establish a task force to be known as the National task force on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect (referred to in this subsection as the 'task force') to foster coordination among all governmental agencies, academic bodies and community groups that conduct or support Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect research, programs, and surveillance, and otherwise meet the general needs of populations actually or potentially impacted by Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect.

"(2) MEMBERSHIP.—The Task Force established pursuant to paragraph (1) shall—

"(A) be chaired by an individual to be appointed by the Secretary and staffed by the Administration; and

"(B) include the Chairperson of the Inter-agency Coordinating Committee on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome of the Department of Health and Human Services, individuals with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect, and representatives from advocacy and research organization such as the Research Society on Alcoholism, the FAS Family Resource Institute, the National Organization of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, the Arc, the academic community, and Federal, State and local government agencies and offices.

"(3) FUNCTIONS.—The Task Force shall—

"(A) advise Federal, State and local programs and research concerning Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect, including programs and research concerning education and public awareness for relevant service providers, school-age children, women at-risk, and the general public, medical diagnosis, interventions for women at-risk of giving birth to children with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect, and beneficial services for individuals with Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Fetal Alcohol Effect and their families;

"(B) coordinate its efforts with the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome of the Department of Health and Human Services; and

"(C) report on a biennial basis to the Secretary and relevant committees of Congress on the current and planned activities of the participating agencies.

"(4) TIME FOR APPOINTMENT.—The members of the Task Force shall be appointed by the Secretary not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this part.

"SEC. 399H. ELIGIBILITY.

"To be eligible to receive a grant, or enter into a cooperative agreement or contract under this part, an entity shall—

"(1) be a State, Indian tribal government, local government, scientific or academic institution, or nonprofit organization; and

"(2) prepare and submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may prescribe, including a description of the activities that the entity intends to carry out using amounts received under this part.

"SEC. 399I. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this part, \$27,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1999 through 2003.

"(b) TASK FORCE.—From amounts appropriate for a fiscal year under subsection (a), the Secretary may use not to exceed \$2,000,000 of such amounts for the operations of the National Task Force under section 399G(d).

"SEC. 399J. SUNSET PROVISION.

"This part shall not apply on the date that is 7 years after the date on which all members of the national task force have been appointed under section 399G(d)(1)."

TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT

FRIST (AND ROCKEFELLER) AMENDMENT NO. 3486

Mr. GORTON (for Mr. FRIST, for himself, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1325) to authorize appropriations for the Technology Administration of the Department of Commerce for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes; as follows:

On page 11, line 2, after "receives" insert "from the government".

On page 11 strike lines 5 through 7 and insert the following: "shall not exceed one-third of the total costs of operation of a center under the program."

On page 26 strike lines 6 through 18 and insert the following:

SEC. 17. FASTENER QUALITY ACT STANDARDS.

(a) AMENDMENT.—Section 15 of the Fastener Quality Act (15 U.S.C. 5414) is amended—

(1) by inserting "(a) TRANSITIONAL RULE.—" before "The requirements of this Act"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(b) AIRCRAFT EXEMPTION.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The requirements of this Act shall not apply to fasteners specifically manufactured or altered for use on an aircraft if the quality and suitability of those fasteners for that use has been approved by the Federal Aviation Administration, except as provided in paragraph (2).

"(2) EXCEPTION.—Paragraph (1) shall not apply to fasteners represented by the fastener manufacturer as having been manufactured in conformance with standards of specifications established by a consensus standards organization or a Federal agency other than the Federal Aviation Administration."

(b) DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION OF REGULATIONS.—The regulations issued under the Fastener Quality Act by the National Institute of Standards and Technology on April 14, 1998, and any other regulations issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology pursuant to the Fastener Quality Act, shall not take effect until after the later of June 1, 1999, or the expiration of 120 days after the Secretary of Commerce transmits to the Committee on Science and the Committee on Commerce of the House of Representatives, and to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, a report on—

(1) changes in fastener manufacturing processes that have occurred since the enactment of the Fastener Quality Act;

(2) a comparison of the Fastener Quality Act to other regulatory programs that regulate the various categories of fasteners, and an analysis of any duplication that exists among programs; and

(3) any changes in that Act that may be warranted because of the changes reported under paragraphs (1) and (2).

The report required by this section shall be transmitted to the Committee on Science and the Committee on Commerce of the House of Representatives, and to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the Senate, by February 1, 1999.

FRIST AMENDMENT NO. 3487

Mr. GORTON (for Mr. FRIST) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1325, supra; as follows:

On page 17, strike lines 11 through 15.

MCCAIN AMENDMENT NO. 3488

Mr. GORTON (for Mr. MCCAIN) proposed an amendment to the bill, S. 1325, supra; as follows:

On page 11, after line 13, insert the following:

"(F) Environmental technology providers."

JOINT RESOLUTION FINDING THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ IN UNAC- CEPTABLE AND MATERIAL BREACH OF ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS

LOTT AMENDMENT NO. 3489

Mr. GORTON (for Mr. LOTT) proposed an amendment to the resolution (S.J. Res. 54) finding the Government of Iraq in unacceptable and material breach of its international obligations; as follows:

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

"That the Government of Iraq is in material and unacceptable breach of its international obligations, and therefore the Presi-

dent is urged to take appropriate action, in accordance with the Constitution and relevant laws for the United States, to bring Iraq into compliance with its international obligations."

AMERICAN GI FORUM LEGISLATION

HATCH AMENDMENT NO. 3490

Mr. GORTON (for Mr. HATCH) proposed an amendment to the bill (S. 1759) to grant a Federal charter to the American GI Forum of the United States; as follows:

On page 1, line 7, strike "New Mexico" and insert "Texas"

On page 2, line 5, strike "New Mexico" and insert "Texas"

On page 2, line 6, strike "New Mexico" and insert "Texas"

On page 3, line 15, strike "New Mexico" and insert "Texas"

On page 4, line 3, strike "New Mexico" and insert "Texas"

On page 4, line 9, strike "New Mexico" and insert "Texas"

On page 5, line 7, strike "New Mexico" and insert "Texas"

On page 5, line 10, strike "New Mexico" and insert "Texas"

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that an oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Monday, August 24, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art, 121 West 7th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on high altitude rescue activities on Mt. McKinley within Denali National Park and Preserve, as well as, the potential for cost recovery for expenses incurred by the United States for rescue activities.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit testimony for the hearing record should send two copies of their testimony to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, 364 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510-6150.

For further information, please contact Jim O'Toole of the Committee staff at (202) 224-6969.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry be allowed to meet during the